

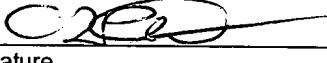


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| In re application of: William WALSH et al. | Art Unit: 2681 AUG 1 0 2004 Technology Center 2600 |
| Serial No: 09/925,180 | Examiner: AFSHAR, Kamran |
| Filed: 8-9-2001 | I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450 5 August 2004 Date of Deposit _____ Craig Plastrik Name  Signature |
| Title: Dynamic Queue Depth Management in a Satellite Terminal for Bandwidth Allocations in a Broadband Satellite System | |

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 4-14-2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application.

This application is being amended as follows. Consideration of the remarks provided herein are respectfully requested.



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In re Application of William Walsh
Application No: 09/925,180
Filed: August 9, 2001
For: Dynamic Queue Depth Management In A
Satellite Terminal For Bandwidth Allocations in A
Broadband Satellite System

Art Unit: 2681
Examiner: AFSHAR, Kamran

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- The fee for claims is calculated below.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 49 - | 49 = | 0 x | \$ 18.00 = | \$ 0.00 | |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 5 - | 5 = | 0 x | \$ 86.00 = | \$ 0.00 | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | N (Y/N) | \$ 290.00 = | \$ 0.00 | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: | | | | | \$ 0.00 | |

Please charge \$0 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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